(d) the quantum of foodgrains procured during corresponding period from doemstic market, foodgrains and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Budget allocation to TPDS

†1209. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only nominal budget is allocated by Government for 'Targeted Public Distribution System' introduced for the purpose of ensuring food security to poor/ deprived;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of poor in rural areas do not get the said facility;

(c) if so, the details of allocated funds and targeted groups in this regard, Statewise;

(d) whether Government is considering to develop any system to make the public distribution system tidy and corruption free; and

(e) what is present mechanism in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government has allocated substantial budget for subsidizing Targeted Public Distribution System to ensure food security for the poor/deprived.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Funds for release of subsidy to FCI and De-centralized Procurement States are provided in the budget as consolidated amount. From this, payment is made to FCI and De-centralized Procurement States depending upon the release of foodgrains made from the stocks with FCI and decentralized procurement States. During 2007-08, the budget allocated for payment of subsidy to FCI, others and decentralized procurement States is of Rs. 25425 crore. Details of the targeted groups (BPL families) covered under TPDS for allocation of foodgrains are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) For making TPDS tidy and corruption-free, the Government has taken a number of steps to curb leakages and diversion of foodgrains. A 9-Point Action Plan has been evolved and is under implementation by State/UT Governments since July, 2006. Its implementation is monitored by Department of Food & Public Distribution.

To make functioning of TPDS transparent and amenable to public security, a revised Citizens' Charter has been issued in July, 2007 to facilitate use of provisions of Right to Information Act in relation to functioning of TPDS. It is also proposed to computerize operations of TPDS.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Statewise No. of total households and BPL households (1993-94 poverty estimates and March 2000 population)

State/UT	No. of households in 2000 (in Lakhs)	No. of B.P.L. households in 2000 (in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	158.21	40.63
Arunachal Pradesh	2.42	0.99
Assam	44.93	18.36
Bihar	118.79	65.23
Chhattisgarh	44.11	18.75
Delhi	27.82	4.09
Goa	3.20	0.48
Gujarat	87.57	21.20
Haryana	31.48	7.89
Himachal Pradesh	12.57	5.14
Jammu & Kashmir	18.02	7.36
Jharkhand	43.56	23.94
Karnataka	94.37	31.29
Kerala	61.10	15.54
Madhya Pradesh	97.03	41.25
Maharashtra	177.27	65.34
Manipur	4.07	1.66
Meghalaya	4.49	1.83
Mizoram	1.67	0.68
Nagaland	3.02	1.24
Orissa	67.91	32.98
Punjab	39.76	4.68
Rajasthan	88.67	24.31
Sikkim	1.05	0.43
Tamil Nadu	138.82	48.63
Tripura	7.22	2.95
Uttar Pradesh	261.42	106.79
Uttaranchal	12.19	4.98
West Bengal	145.23	51.79
A&N Islands	0.81	0.28
Chandigarh	2.03	0.23
D&N Haveli	0.36	0.18
Daman & Diu	0.26	0.04
Lakshdweep	0.11	0.03
Pondicherry	2.24	0.84
TOTAL:	1803.78	652.03